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STUDY GROUP FOR COAL

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No. 32/5/65-M&F.—With the increasing production of coal in India, the Government of India have been considering the question of developing exports of coal, in view of the export targets that would have to be fulfilled under the Fourth Five Year Plan. The Government of India have now decided to constitute a Study Group towards this end.

- 2 Title —The Study Group will be called the "Study Group for export of Coal"
- 3 Constitution —The Study Group will consist of the following—

Chairman

- 1 Dr P S Lokanathan, Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research

Members

- 2 Shri Chhedi Lal, Joint Secretary, Deptt of Mines and Metals
- 3 Shri B Mitter, Chairman, India Mining Association, Calcutta
- 4 Shri S K Sinha, Industrial Adviser, Deptt. of Supply and Technical Development
- 5 Shri B L Sahney, Divisional Manager, State Trading Corporation

Member Secretary

- 6 Shri M P Sathaye, Director (Transport), Ministry of Commerce

- 4 Functions —The terms of reference of the Study Group will be as follows —

- (1) Formulation of the grades of coal available for exports and quantity-wise fixation of target for each market. The Study Group will go into the possibility of exporting metallurgical coal, hard coke (which is a by-product of metallurgical coal), and non metallurgical coal of Selected Grade A, Selected Grade B, and Grade I, in addition to Grades II and III.
- (2) Survey of the cost structure of the various grades of coal which are available for export according to the findings on sub-para (1).
- (3) Availability of transport facilities including shipping space on Indian ships, as also foreign ships, for transport of coal.
- (4) Whether any concession in freight charges would be necessary for making the export of certain grades of coal competitive to the importers concerned.

- (5) Any recommendations regarding exemptions from local cesses, duties etc., on the various grade of coal that can be exported.
 - (6) The economies of washing non-metallurgical coal to produce coal of low ash content for which there is a good potential for export.
 - (7) The Agency which should be used for export of coal and the procedure of conducting negotiations with the buyers.
 - (8) Whether the entire coal required for export should be raised by National Coal Development Corporation or by private collieries.
 - (9) Any other recommendation which the Study Group may like to make in order to achieve the projection of exports which they have arrived at under sub-para (1).
 - (10) A special study of the export potential in the South East Asian countries.
 - (11) Any special export promotional measures which should be under taken in regard to those countries.
 - (12) Any special incentives that should be given to the coal industry for making export prices of coal competitive in the international market.
5. The Study Group may coopt one or more members, official or non-official, for the efficient discharge of its functions.
6. The Study Group should endeavour to submit its Report within a period of three months.

ORDER

Ordered that the Resolution be published in the Gazette of India.

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